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Sir:

Responsive to the *Notice of Allowance*, dated May 16, 2002, approval and entry of the attached corrected formal drawing is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Drawing begin on page 2 of this paper and include one (1) replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

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An **Appendix** including an amended drawing figure is attached following page 3 of this paper.